



News from the CITY OF CARMEL

For the Citizens of Carmel

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State of the City Address Shows Carmel is Poised for the Future



Carmel City Hall is located at One Civic Square.

In his 2007 State of the City Address to the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Jim Brainard recognized the talented foresight of Carmel's former leaders and the innovation of its current leaders for the positive growth the City has enjoyed over the past 20 years. "In testing the waters with innovative solutions to the city's needs, the successes we have experienced are proof that the City is on the right track," said Mayor Brainard.

The City rests on a solid financial base. As a result, Carmel citizens enjoy the lowest district tax rates in the

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Carmel Elects Three New Council Members

In November, the City elected government officials for the next term. The recently elected officers were inaugurated on December 20th and began their terms in January 2008. Three new council members were elected to serve on the City Council: Kevin "Woody" Rider, City Council at Large; John Accetturo, District 3; and Luci Snyder, District 5. For more information, refer to pages 4-5 of this issue of the *News from the City of Carmel*.



"The Right Light" is one of 11 new sculptures the City purchased to add to its public art collection.

City to Add More Sculptures to Its Outdoor Public Art

Eleven new statues have been purchased by the City to complement the current collection of public art. The life-like sculptures crafted by internationally acclaimed sculptor J. Seward Johnson will be placed in the Arts and Design District to create an outdoor museum of art. The unique design of these sculptures attracts interest because of their realistic appearance.

Most visitors stop and study the statues, while others have their pictures taken with the sculptures to capture the moment.

The new sculptures include:

- "Holding Out," already on loan to the City and placed in front of Joe's

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A Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jim Brainard

As the year begins and the City administration starts a new four-year term, we have many accomplishments to celebrate. In the State of the City address, I highlighted the strides Carmel has made during the year. Economic development continues to be strong; the City is keeping pace with the increased infrastructure needs resulting from growth; and recreational and cultural opportunities are abundant with parks, festivals and events such as the Farmers Market. As the City grows, we continue to strive to conserve our environmental resources and enhance the community's quality of life.

In this issue of the newsletter, meet the newly elected and re-elected officials who began their terms in January 2008. Over the years, City leaders have strived to provide innovative solutions to manage growth and promote economic development. In November, we had the opportunity to share some of our successes with other communities. I spoke to the Raleigh Regional Transportation Alliance in North Carolina about the safety and environmental

benefits of roundabouts.

We also hosted an Indiana Association of Cities and Towns North Central Mayors Roundtable Luncheon where the City Center and Village of West Clay projects were discussed.

I always look forward to gatherings such as Holiday on the Square because they build connections and create a sense of community. Enjoy the photos in this edition of the newsletter from this event and the holiday events held in the Arts and Design District.

"At this time of the year, we often reflect on that for which we are most grateful. I am grateful for the talented people who work with me to make this City a great place to live and work and for our generous partners and volunteers. I wish you and your families a happy new year."

~Mayor Jim Brainard

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As always, please feel free to e-mail or call me with any comments or concerns you may have about our community.

Very truly yours,

Jim Brainard
Mayor Jim Brainard

State of the City Address - continued

state for a city its size or larger, as well as quality city services provided by outstanding city employees, the Mayor said in his remarks.

Furthermore, economic development initiatives have flourished with strong public private partnerships. He noted the progress of City Center, which will provide a new downtown cultural center for Carmel and will include a Performing Arts Center, a luxury hotel and the PedCor development, complete with upscale flats and condominiums, prime office space and exceptional retail and dining.

The Arts & Design District also continues to flourish with 100 new businesses and thousands of visitors each year to the area that was once steadily declining.

As Carmel has grown, so have the City's services, the Mayor noted. Recently, according to an Insurance Services Office report, Carmel Clay Fire Department was ranked among the top five percent in the country. This is just one example of how Carmel attracts and retains exemplary city employees to provide the best services to the community. The City has also stayed ahead of growth by investing millions in the water and sewer systems, building and expanding roadways and installing roundabout intersections.

The Mayor also noted that recreational and cultural opportunities are critical to attracting economic development. Over the years, Carmel has expanded its parks from



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approximately 40 acres to 800 acres. Last spring, the Monon Fitness Center opened, as well as a skate park and indoor and outdoor aquatic features in Central Park.

"As the City grows the community must also strive to preserve and protect its environmental resources," said Mayor Brainard. He noted the Household Hazardous Waste Center as well as plans to expand recycling efforts in the City. In addition, expanded greenspace and tree plantings have also contributed to the City's overall environmental health. Carmel has been named a "Tree City USA" for more than 10 years.

He concluded his speech by saying, "Good leaders need to challenge the community to be the best it can be. Carmel has been blessed with leaders who have done just that."

The Mayor concluded the presentation with a video that documented the favorable growth Carmel has experienced over the last two decades as a result of its strong leadership.

To read the Mayor's speech and view the video, go to the city's website at www.carmel.in.gov.

City Expands Its Fleet of Hybrid Vehicles

Many alternative fuel vehicles have been added to the city's fleet since Mayor Jim Brainard signed an executive order in August of 2005 calling for all replacement vehicles purchased by the City of Carmel to be capable of using alternative fuels rather than exclusively gasoline or diesel fuels. The executive order requires the City of Carmel, when replacing fleet vehicles, to find ways to meet the EPA

guidelines for fuel emissions and reduce costs of operations wherever possible.

The following departments have added alternative fuel vehicles to their fleet:

- Police – 2 hybrids in 2006
- Fire – 3 flex fuel
- Dept. of Community Services – 7 hybrids
- Communications Center – 2 flex fuel
- Engineering – 4 hybrids

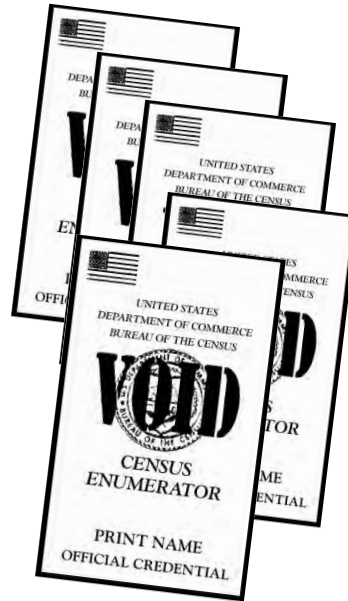


The Engineering Department has added four Toyota Prius, hybrid vehicles to its fleet.

Special Census Results in Increased Federal Funds For City

The results of the Special Census conducted this summer by the City of Carmel show a 35 percent increase over the 2000 Census numbers. The official population count is 68,677 and the housing units count is 26,154. This count includes those residing within Carmel's current city limits. It does not include southwest Clay Township or Home Place. This will give Carmel greater access to tax dollars distributed according to pop-

ulation. The City estimates that the updated population count for Carmel will result in an additional \$3.5 million in federal funding for Carmel. The cost to conduct the census was \$900,000 so that amounts to more than \$2.5 million in additional revenue that the City would never have received had the Special Census not been conducted. The additional federal revenue goes into the Local Road and Streets Fund to be used for road projects in the City.



Mayor and City Engineer Share Roundabout Expertise

Mayor Jim Brainard and City Engineer Mike McBride traveled to North Carolina in November as guests of the Raleigh Regional Transportation Alliance. During their one-day trip to the area, the Mayor and Mike gave three separate presentations regarding roundabouts. They spoke to the Raleigh Regional Transportation Alliance Leadership Team, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Regional Chamber of Commerce Transportation Academy 10. It is nice to know that Carmel officials are being seen around the country as the experts on safety and environmental benefits of roundabouts.

Library to Host Carmel Public Meeting to Discuss the Emerald Ash Borer and the Benefits of Trees

**Presentation to cover the Emerald Ash Borer in Indiana and the Benefits of Trees
The General Public is invited**

Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m.
Carmel Clay Public Library at
55 Fourth Avenue SE, across
Main Street from Carmel High School.
In the library's program room on the first floor.



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Carmel's Elected City Officials Begin Terms in 2008

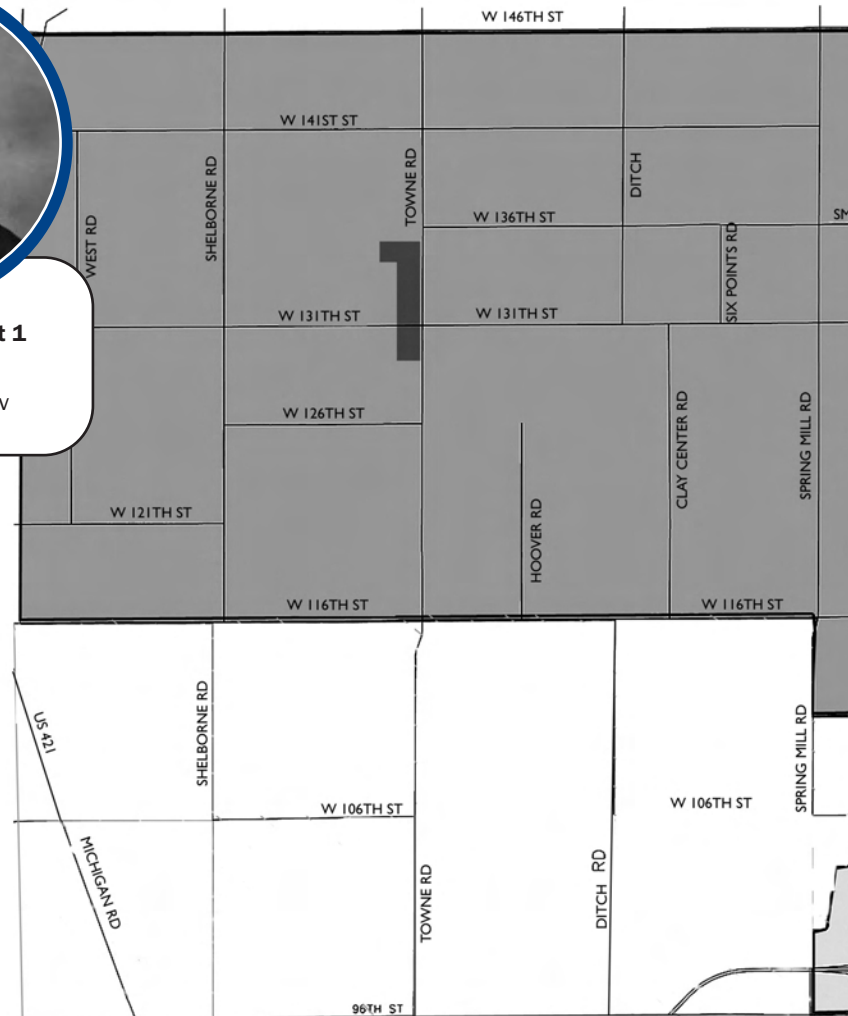


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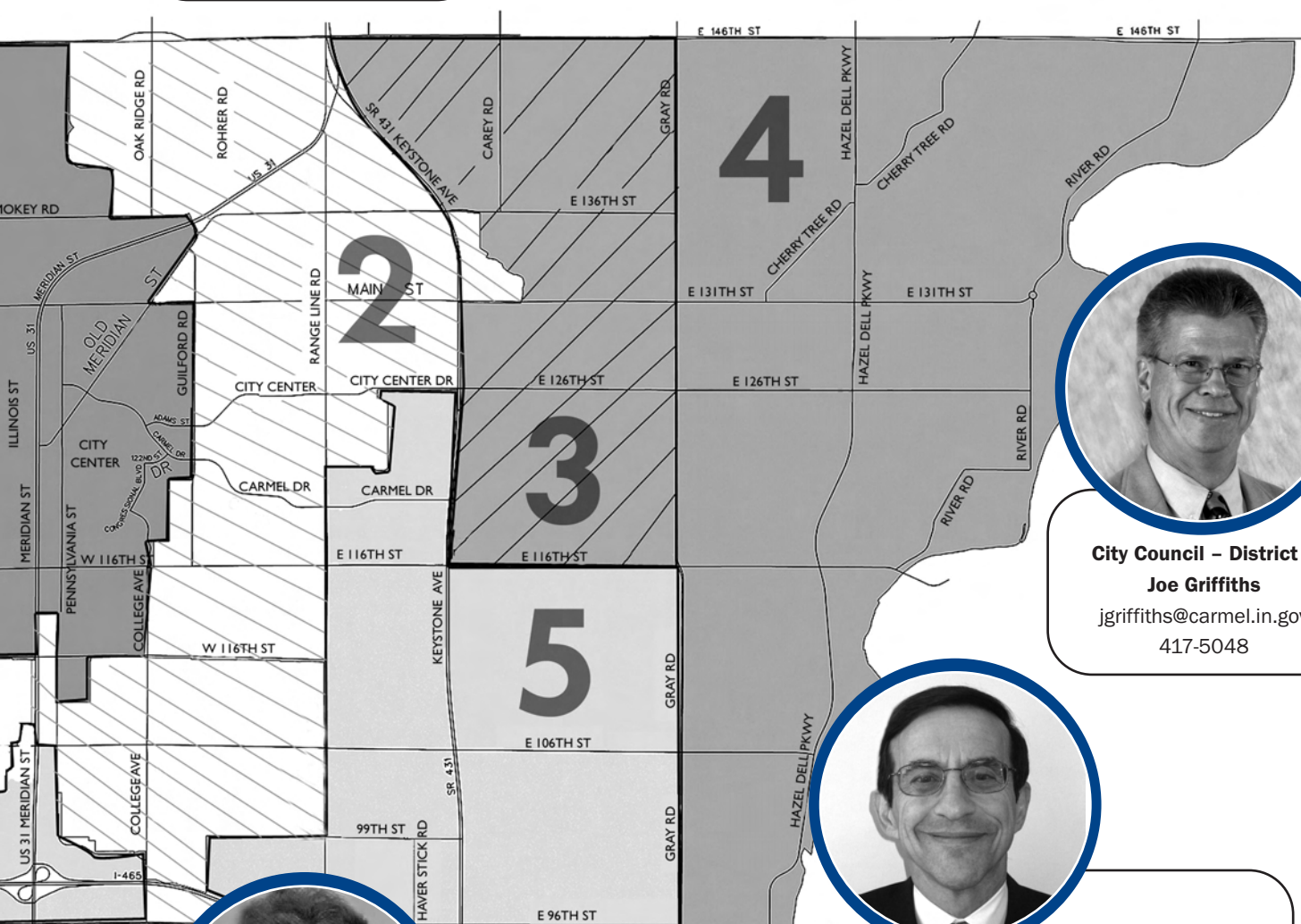
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Mayor Hosts North Central Mayors IACT Roundtable Luncheon

Mayor Jim Brainard hosted the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns North Central Mayors Roundtable Luncheon in November. The luncheon, sponsored by various organizations in the community, was held at the Village of West Clay Meeting House in Carmel and was attended by North Central Mayors, sponsors and guests. George Sweet from Brenwick Development gave a presentation about the Village of West Clay, and Mayor Jim Brainard spoke about Carmel's City Center Development.

David Huffman Named Street Commissioner

Mayor Jim Brainard appointed David Huffman, a 19-year street department veteran, as Street Commissioner.

Huffman began his career with the Street Department in 1988, rising through the organization to head foreman and operations manager and finally acting street commissioner after Dave Klingensmith's retirement in July 2007.

He has nearly completed his course work to earn a title of Road Builder in the Road Scholar Program through the Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program. He will continue to pursue his Master Road Builder title.

"David has the kind of dedication necessary to be an innovative leader and department head for the City of Carmel," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "In his role as acting director, he demonstrated he is very capable of overseeing the Street Department."



David Huffman

Ordinance Establishes Fund to Pay Court Interpreters

Carmel City Court is required to provide interpreters for criminal defendants who do not speak fluent English. The City Judge mandates the fee that will be paid by the defendant for the use of interpreter services.

The Common Council recently passed an ordinance establishing a Non-Reverting City Court Interpreter Fund. This fund provides a way to collect the fees and disburse payments for these services.



IndyGo announced that it will provide express bus service for Carmel commuters working in downtown Indianapolis on these luxury motor coach buses.

Express Bus Service for Carmel Commuters to Downtown Indy

Beginning soon, Carmel will have an express bus service to downtown Indianapolis. This service is being offered to give Carmel residents who commute downtown another transportation option. IndyGo is coordinating the service but has contracted with a motor coach bus company to provide the buses. This will mean a higher quality motor coach bus for the express service rather than the typical public transportation bus. The downtown loop will include six stops near

major downtown employers. The Carmel pick-up and drop-off point will be centrally located along the Meridian Street Corridor. The express service will run Monday thru Friday leaving Carmel at 6:15, 6:45, 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. with a final departure at 8 a.m. The return trip from Indy will arrive in Carmel at six intervals between 5 and 7:30 p.m. The cost for commuters will be \$2 each way.

Carmel Fire Department Receives High Rating

The Carmel Fire Department received one of the highest ratings possible from the Public Protection Classification Program of the Insurance Services Office. The Carmel Clay Fire Department received a Class 3 ranking, which means it is in the top five percent in the U.S. This classification is used to establish fair premiums for fire insurance, and may result in lower premiums for residents and business owners.

Veterans Day Ceremony Honors Local Veterans

The City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held last month to honor our local veterans. Mayor Brainard spoke as well as Keynote speaker, Major General Richard D. Chegar of the U.S. Army Reserve. The Carmel VFW and American Legion Honor Guard also participated. Musical entertainment was provided by Carmel Elementary School Choir and Actors Theatre of Indiana. The winners of the Veterans Day Poster/Essay Contest were also recognized. It was a meaningful event for all who attended.



VFW member, Glenn Sheffer, stands tall as a boy in the choir watches with admiration.



The Carmel VFW and American Legion honor guard present the colors at the beginning of the ceremony.



Cindy Collins, Melissa Schott and Judy Fitzgerald with the Actors Theatre of Indiana performed The Andrew Sisters version of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."



Major General Richard D. Chegar looks over to the children's choir while speaking about his experience as a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve.

The winners of the "Stand Beside Them" Poster contest are as follows:

- Kindergarten: **Brandon Matura**, West Clay Elementary
- 1st Grade: **Grace Francia**, Smokey Row Elementary
- 2nd Grade: **Charlotte Seidensticker**, Carmel Elementary
- 3rd Grade: **Kathleen Ho**, Town Meadow Elementary
- 4th Grade: **Stasia Mallin**, Town Meadow Elementary
- 5th Grade: **Jiva Capulong**, West Clay Elementary

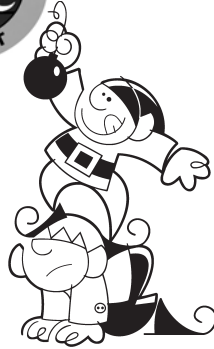
The winners of the "Stand Beside Them" Essay contest are as follows:

- 6th Grade: **Chris Dora**, Clay Middle School
- 7th Grade: **Tori Baron**, Clay Middle School
- 8th Grade: **Katie Shoemaker**, Walnut Grove Christian Preparatory School
- 9th Grade: **Radhika Agarwal**, Carmel High School
- 10th Grade: No Entries
- 11th Grade: **Lexi Hiland**, Carmel High School
- 12th Grade: **Brianna Hadley**, Carmel High School

Holiday on the Square and Holiday in the Arts District Celebrate the Season

The Carmel community celebrated the holidays at Civic Square and in the Carmel Arts and Design District. Carmel Civic Square was festively decorated for the holidays. The Mayor counted down the lighting at "Holiday on the Square," a fun family event with jugglers, balloon twisters, North Pole Petting Zoo and Santa, of course! If you didn't make it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next year. It is always held the Saturday before Thanksgiving from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A special thanks goes to Duke Energy for sponsoring the lights at this year's event.

"Holiday in the Arts District" was sponsored by the Old Town Arts and Design Merchants Association and provided an opportunity for visitors to get acquainted with the merchants and shops in the district. Visitors of all ages enjoyed Santa, live reindeer, carolers, and other holiday festivities each Saturday in December.



City to Add More Sculptures - *continued from cover*

- Meat and Fish Market – older woman holding shopping bags
- “The Right Light” – an artist at an easel painting a canvas that reflects the Arts and Design District from the viewpoint of the artist
 - “Oh, It’s You, Welcome” – a smiling police officer assisting passers by, customized with Carmel police uniform.
 - “Unconditional Surrender” – image of sailor kissing nurse from VJ day
 - “My World” – little girl with book
 - “Who’s in Charge?” – a boy riding on his father’s shoulders
 - “Big Sister” – Girl tying

- little sister’s shoe
- “One Man’s Search” – boy sitting on a bench reading, wearing a school sweater customized with Carmel High School emblem
 - “Things to Do” – Seated woman writing a list, which will be customized to show design notes
 - “Elemental” – couple with umbrella, which will be customized to show the couple carrying an antique mirror and shopping bag
 - “Ambassador of the Streets” – woman walking dog
- The exact location of each new piece is yet to be determined.
- The artwork is being paid

for out of the one percent arts portion of the City budget, and payments are subject to annual appropriations. The total amount of the contract for the 11 statues is \$979,000, which reflects a 10 percent discount to the City of Carmel.

“The addition of these realistic sculptures enhances the enjoyment of a visit to the Carmel Arts and Design District,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “We realize the tremendous impact that the arts have on economic development and investing in public art in the district helps to attract customers and businesses to the area.”

Valentine Day Art Walk

Carmel Arts and Design District

Thursday, February 14th
6-10 p.m.

Exhibits by featured artists, wine, cheese and desserts

Participating galleries include, but are not limited to:

Addendum, Art and Soul, Artichoke Designs, Blue Egg Gallery, Deborah De Fazio Lyons Studio and Gallery, Evan Lurie Fine Art Gallery, Frazier Pettee Fine Art, Laguna Gallery, Magdalena Gallery of Art, Soori Gallery, and Wyant Photography.

Other area merchants and restaurants will remain open for this special event.

Visit the Arts and Design Districts website at
www.CarmelArtsandDesign.com
for more information.

Internationally Acclaimed Evan Lurie Art Gallery Opens

The Evan Lurie Fine Art Gallery is now open in the Arts & Design District. The gallery represents internationally established, as well as emerging artists with strong European and Latin American influence. Evan Lurie specializes in establishing both residential and corporate art collections and works with public art programs in many different cities. This is Evan Lurie’s first gallery in the Midwest, but the fifth



Musicians Cathy Morris, Jack Helsley and Daryl Spurlock performed at the opening adding to the artistic ambience.

for the Lurie family, joining their other galleries in arts districts located in Los Angeles, California, Boca Raton and Miami, Florida and Paris, France. Carmel’s location is at 30 West Main Street. Be sure to stop by and check it out!



Guests attended the Evan Lurie Art Gallery opening and got a first glimpse of its art collections.

Annual English Festival of Kawachinagano

The English Festival of Kawachinagano - submitted by Harumi Goto, Kawachinagano International Friendship Association.

The 4th Annual English Festival of Kawachinagano was held on November 18th at Kawachinagano, City Hall. The Festival is jointly sponsored and supported by the City of Kawachinagano and Kawachinagano High School. The Festival gives students in the city the opportunity to present their English language skills on a stage in front of an audience.

The students not only presented speeches or performed skits but also, many of them took part in organizing the event. Students greeted guests as they arrived for the event, some emceed the presentation, and many of them helped put the venue back in order after the event. The

Kawachinagano International Friendship Association (KIFA) also supported the Festival as one of its activities to commemorate the 15th anniversary of its founding.

Two new awards, the Carmel Mayor's Award and the KIFA Chairman's Award, were added this year. The Carmel Mayor's Award went to Mikanodai Elementary School for its outstanding performance of the short skits, "Take Me Out" and "Go Go Girls".

Japanese Garden Update

Visible improvements have been made to the Japanese-style garden behind Carmel City Hall since the ground-



Carmel Mayor's Award was presented to the Mikanodai Elementary School for their outstanding performances of short skits.

breaking held in March. Several shrubs, trees, water plants, large-rock placements, and other small-rock placements have been completed. These plantings and ground surface improvements have occurred throughout the

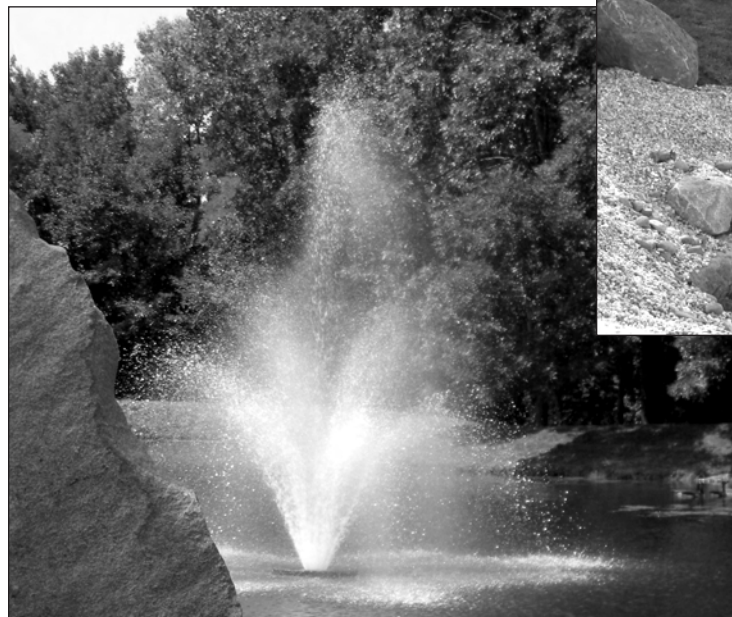
system, which will be viewed from the destination bench across the pond, is also planned. The waterfall will be located near a weeping willow tree that was planted this past summer.

Arrangements are being made for a perimeter sidewalk at the border of the parking lot at City Hall, which will be constructed of pervious concrete, a permeable concrete that will allow rain moisture to seep through and eventually penetrate the soil below the sidewalk. Finally, a garden gate will eventually be placed to complete the Japanese Garden. This garden is being made possible

with donations from the community. Please contact Carmel Sister Cities, Inc. at 496-7327 for information on how you can make a donation to this project.



Kristi Snyder rakes over the rock in the Japanese Garden, making the garden one step closer to completion.



The Japanese Garden located behind City Hall is a shared project with Carmel's sister city, Kawachinagano.

Monon Center Spring Adult Leagues

The
Monon Center
AT CENTRAL PARK

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation will offer four leagues this winter/spring season: men's and women's basketball, recreational and competitive co-ed volleyball and co-ed dodgeball. If you do not have a team, you may sign up on the free agent list at The Monon Center.

Men's Basketball League

Mondays, February 11-April 28

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Registration deadline: January 28

Captain's meeting: February 4 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$495

Women's Basketball League

Wednesdays, February 27-April 30

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Registration deadline: February 13

Captain's meeting: February 20 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$350

Competitive Co-Ed Volleyball League

Mondays, February 12 - April 29

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Registration deadline: January 29

Captain's meeting: February 5 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$315

Co-Ed Dodgeball League

Thursdays, March 13-April 24

Time: 6-9 p.m.

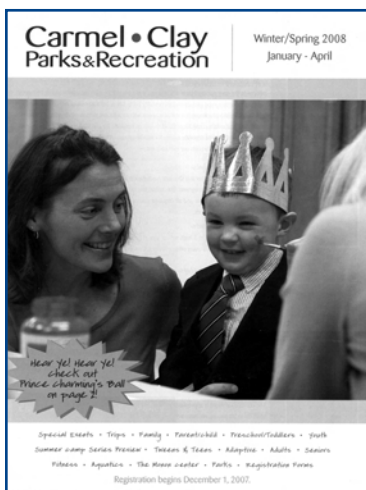
Registration deadline: February 28

Captain's meeting: March 6 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$295

**For more information, call the
Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation
Department at 848-7275.**

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Guides Now Available



Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) provides enriching, enjoyable escapes through recreation, fitness and nature. Programs are available for all ages and abilities at economical prices and convenient times to fit your schedule. Checkout the CCPR winter/spring 2008 guide for program details. The Summer Camp Series Guide is also available. Visit the website at www.carmelclayparks.com for more information.



Upcoming 2008 Meetings

City Council Meeting Dates

The City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

February 4 & 18

March 3 & 17

April 7 & 21

Watch City Council meetings live on Channel 16. Channel 21 replays City Council meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Board of Public Works & Safety Meetings

The Board of Public Works meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

February 6 & 19

March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16

Check the City of Carmel website at www.carmel.in.gov for events, traffic updates and news.

Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

February 19

March 18

April 15

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Caucus Room

February 25

March 24

April 28

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Board

Meetings held on Tuesdays at The Monon Center, 1235 Central Park Dr. East (Enter Central Park East from Westfield Blvd. between 116th and 111th)

February 12 at 7 p.m.

February 26 at 6 p.m.

March 11 at 7 p.m.

March 25 at 6 p.m.

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